

**New Shoreham Deer Task Force
Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011
Town Hall Old Town Road
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Bill Wilson, Becky Ballard, Maggie Komosinski, Mary Sue Record, Pat Doyle.
George Mellor arrived at 7:30 p.m. Paul Deane arrived at 8:10. Also present were Judy Tierney, representing the Block Island Times and clerk Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.
Not Present: Chris Blansfield, Chris Blane.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Input

The attached letter for Martin Wolfe re: deer reduction was discussed. Pat Doyle will look into this. Maggie Komosinski will contact Fire Island.

Approval of minutes from Sept. 20, 2011

Minutes of the Sept. 20, 2011 were approved in a motion by Mary Sue and seconded by Bill Wilson.

Ayes 5(Wilson, Ballard, Komosinski, Record, Doyle) Nays 0 Absent 4(Mellor, Deane, Blansfield, Blane)

Meeting with the Yale Group and CDC representatives.

Mary Sue reported on the meeting she attended with Bill Wilson. She showed maps depicting areas where deer congregated. She will contact Martha Roldan to produce maps with overlays and she will contact all the hunters on the committee to discuss the maps with them.

Lyme Disease Statistics for 2011

Linda Closter reported that there were 49 cases of Lyme Disease this year. Clarification is needed on breakdown and date range for these statistics.

Hunting Book

This year's hunting information book was discussed. The general information page will be added to the website. BIRA's new President, Dorrie Napolitano, will be contacted to see if the information can go on the BIRA website. There was a discussion about adding a BIRA member to the task force with no action.

BIRA Funds

George Mellor reported that there was \$920 left in money for the transfer station. He will speak to the new treasurer, Henry Hill about continuing the program. Becky Ballard will talk to Sean McGarry at the transfer station.

Land Trust Survey Results:

There was a discussion about the survey results.

Brainstorm – where do we go from here?

The agreed upon question would be How do we drastically reduce deer herd? This will be the sole topic of a meeting to be announced

A motion was made by Mary Sue and seconded by Pat Doyle to send a letter to the Town Council asking them to revisit the DEM proposal for hunting in Rodman's Hollow.

Ayes 6(Wilson, Ballard, Komosinski, Record, Doyle, Mellor) Nays 0 Absent 2(Blansfield, Blane) Abstain 1 (Deane)

Mention was made of the recent meeting of Fish and Wildlife with Nancy Dodge and Kim Gaffett.

Deer Tag Reimbursement Process

After discussion, a motion was made by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Pat Doyle to propose to the Town Council that the Deer reimbursements be based on the hunter returning copies of the bottom of the tag and mail in post card to Town Hall. The Deer Task Force strongly recommends that these reimbursements continue.

Ayes 7 (Record, Ballard, Doyle, Komosinski, Mellor, Deane, Wilson) Nays 0
Absent 2 (Blane, Blansfield)

Statistics:

George Mellor handed out the attached statistics.

At 8:35 a motion was made by Bill Wilson and seconded by George Mellor to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 12/13/2011

Bonny Ryan
Assistant Town Clerk